



Fast recoveries are also the focus for the Waismann Institute's Accelerated Opiate Neuro-Regulation program. Opiate dependency has risen dramatically in the last

several years due to an increase in addiction to prescription painkillers. The Waismann program helps patients kick dependency through a three-day treatment process,

submitted in a hospital setting. "These are patients, they're not drug addicts. They get treated with respect," says the institute's co-medical director, Clifford Bernstein. On the second day of their stay, patients are put under anesthesia for three hours, during which time their bodies undergo withdrawal. Receptors are blocked with a dummy drug, shutting off cravings for the opiate. And when they wake up? "They're not addicted to the medication anymore. They go from point A to point B in just a few hours," Bernstein says. Statistics on the success rate of the treatment are five times that of the national average for traditional rehab programs.

As medical science breaks boundaries and forges new frontiers, technology will continue to evolve and amaze. And as time goes by, more patients may be heard proclaiming, "Beam me up, Scotty. I'm ready for my radio-frequency face-lift."

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